

I Want to Help Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Day & Evening Phones: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

- ☐ Please send me information on positive parenting.
- ☐ Please use the enclosed tax-deductible donation to prevent child abuse and neglect.
- ☐ Please let me know how I can volunteer to prevent abuse and neglect in my community.

Tell Your Tax Preparer

If your Michigan income tax return is prepared by a tax preparer, fill out this form and give it to your preparer with your information for the year.

- ☐ **YES, I would like to contribute to CTF** to help stop child abuse and neglect.

I would like to contribute:

- ☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$15
- ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100
- \$ _____ (other amount)

- ☐ Or, please ask me after you have figured my return so that I can decide on the amount before the final preparation.

Donation is tax-deductible in the next tax year.



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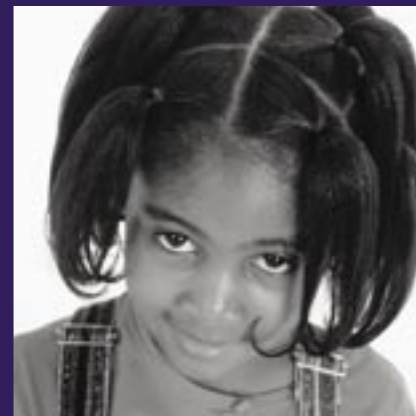
Put your money where your heart is.



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to
protect



keep
kids
safe





The Simple Act of Believing.

Children are remarkable because they believe just about anything we tell them. They believe us when we tell them they're

smart and beautiful and when we say "everything will be all right." When we say we love them, they believe us because they **trust** us.

Children need to trust adults because they can't live without us. But the sad fact is that too many adults abuse and neglect the children in their care, betraying their **trust**.

Parents—the people children trust most of all—are responsible for more deaths of children under age 5 than all childhood illnesses combined.

Ignorance and impatience are usually behind these tragic deaths, often the end of a short life span marked by repeated episodes of abuse.

The most amazing thing of all is that children believe the adults who abuse them when they promise never to do it again, because **trust** is just what children do.

The Simple Act of Beginning.

The time to stop child abuse and neglect is before it ever happens. In Michigan, the Children's Trust Fund (CTF), an independent nonprofit agency, promotes the health, safety and welfare of children by supporting and funding effective, collaborative programs that prevent child abuse and neglect.

CTF was established by the Michigan Legislature in 1982 as an endowment fund, providing resources for prevention programs. It is directed by a volunteer board appointed by the governor, and supports community-based direct service programs and local child abuse and neglect prevention councils that serve 81 of Michigan's 83 counties across the state.

CTF-funded programs help eliminate the ignorance that often is the root of abusive parenting or caretaking and teaches what to expect from babies and toddlers, how to positively handle preschoolers, and how to encourage students toward positive behavior and achievement. CTF also supports programs that teach adults how to combat their own impatience—how to "stay cool" when the challenges of child-rearing make the job feel overwhelming. These programs remind adults in Michigan that children deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to learn and grow.

The Simple Act of Belonging.

CTF invites you—parents, extended families, teachers, civic and business leaders, healthcare professionals, human services providers, law enforcement officials, and citizens of all ages—to join us in partnership in promoting alternatives to abuse and neglect through the media, campaigns, community outreach, and by recognizing and applauding positive parenting. By establishing the prevention partnership, CTF is asking adults to join us in helping to combat ignorance and impatience and work toward positive parenting and caretaking skills. In addition to funding direct-service and local council programs, the CTF promotes awareness of the issue, resources and support available to parents and caregivers.

As a team, our effort can help make childhood in Michigan the best and safest it can be.

Join the CTF Prevention Partnership with an Income Tax Donation

There's an easy way to begin your partnership with CTF. Every year, your Michigan income tax form offers you the opportunity to fight child abuse and neglect by donating to the Children's Trust Fund. By simply writing in the amount of your gift, you can join CTF's prevention efforts.

Your gift will be tax-deductible in the following tax year. We call it "putting your money where your heart is."

But it's more than that. It's putting your money toward the one thing that can stop the cycle of child abuse and neglect ... **PREVENTION.**

Join the CTF Partnership today! Show a generation of Michigan children you deserve their trust.